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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12/22/200 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: . . .

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Specification

1. The arrangement of the disclosed application does not conform with 37 CFR 1.77(b).

Section headings are boldfaced throughout the disclosed specification.

Section headings should not be underlined and/or **boldfaced**. Appropriate corrections are required according to the guidelines provided below:

2. The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC (See 37 CFR 1.52(e)(5) and MPEP 608.05. Computer program listings (37 CFR 1.96(c)), "Sequence Listings" (37 CFR 1.821(c)), and tables having more than 50 pages of text are permitted to be submitted on compact discs.) or REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX" (See MPEP § 608.05(a). "Microfiche Appendices" were accepted by the Office until March 1, 2001.)
- (e) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (f) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (g) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (h) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (i) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (j) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).

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- (k) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign(s) not mentioned in the description: "remote client unit 24", when describing figure 2; "client 90" and "center 22" when describing figure 3; "service or division 124", "client 90", "location 138", "customer type 130", "healthcare provider 134", "street section 141", "city section 143", "state section 145"; these are just a few examples of the many drawing mislabels within the "Detailed Description of the Drawings" section. All figures should contain the reference sign(s) describe in the description as well as all drawings should clearly depict all reference sign(s) written in the description. Also in the "Brief Description of the Drawings section" figures 5 and 6 descriptions should be switch because according to the drawings figure 5 "graphically displays" results and figure 6 "textually displays" results. A proposed drawing correction, corrected drawings, or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 16, 29 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rondeau (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,433) in view of Naidoo (U.S. Patent No. 6,629,136).

As to claim 16, Rondeau teaches an information system for locating a medical resource (See Abstract, where a medical resource is referred to as a "particular service and product"), the information system comprising:

a resource locator system configured for locating a desired medical resource (See Abstract; column 3, lines 39-45); and

a remote interface having a form for transmitting client data to the resource locator system (See column 2, lines 59-67),

Rondeau does not teach a remote interface configured for exchanging information with the resource locator system via a network; the client data comprising a desired geographic region for locating the desired medical resource; wherein the resource locator system is configured to evaluate the client data and to locate at least one of the desired medical resources based on the desired geographic region.

Naidoo teaches a remote interface configured for exchanging information with the resource locator system via a network (See Abstract; column 2, lines 21-29); the client data comprising a desired geographic region for locating the desired medical resource (See Abstract; column 2, lines 24-29); wherein the resource locator system is configured to evaluate the client data and to locate at least one of the desired medical resources based on the desired geographic region (See Abstract; column 2, lines 24-29).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified Rondeau to include the resource locator system, and a remote interface configured for exchanging information with the resource locator system via a network; the client data comprising a desired geographic region for locating the desired medical resource; wherein the resource locator system is configured to evaluate the client data and to locate at least one of the desired medical resources based on the desired geographic region.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Rondeau by the teachings of Naidoo, because finding information corresponding to a specific geographic area is often particularly difficult using typical methods and search engines(See Naidoo, column 1, lines 57-60).

As to claim 29, Rondeau, teaches a resource locator system configured for locating a desired medical resource (See Abstract); and

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the remote interface comprising a query form for transmitting client data to the resource locator system (See column 2, lines 60-67); and

a location results page having locator information for the desired medical resource (See column 2, lines 65-67; column 7, line 67; column 8, lines 1-2).

Rondeau, does not a locator system for geographically locating a healthcare facility, the system comprising; an address database of medical resources; teach a remote interface configured for exchanging information with the resource locator system via a network; the query form having a field for entering a desired geographic region for locating the desired medical resource.

Naidoo teaches a locator system for geographically locating a healthcare facility (See Abstract; column 2, lines 24-29, lines 45-50), the system comprising: an address database of medical resources (See Abstract; column 2, lines 24-29, lines 45-50); a remote interface configured for exchanging information with the resource locator system via a network (See Abstract; column 2, lines 21-29); the query form having a field for entering a desired geographic region for locating the desired medical resource (See Abstract; column 2, lines 24-29, lines 45-50).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified Rondeau to include a locator system for geographically locating a healthcare facility, the system comprising: an address database of medical resources; a remote interface configured for exchanging information with the resource locator system via a network; the query form having a field for entering a desired geographic region for locating the desired medical resource.

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It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Rondeau by the teachings of Naidoo, because finding information corresponding to a specific geographic area is often particularly difficult using typical methods and search engines(See Naidoo, column 1, lines 57-60).

As to claim 38, Rondeau teaches a method for locating at least one medical resource from a plurality of medical resources (See Abstract, where a medical resource is referred to as a “particular service and product”), the method comprising:

searching a medical locator database for the at least one medical resource(See column 2, lines 55-63, where a medical resource is referred to as a “particular service and product”); and

electronically transmitting locator information to a client via the network, the locator information allowing the client to locate the desired medical resource (See Abstract; column 2, lines 59-63); and

Rondeau does not teach electronically directing client data transmitted from a remote interface to a medical locator system via a network; the client data comprising a desired geographic region for locating at least one medical resource from the plurality of medical resources; geographically locating the at least one medical resource based on the desired geographic region; allowing the client to view the locator information via a resource location report viewable with the remote interface.

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Naidoo teaches electronically directing client data transmitted from a remote interface to a medical locator system via a network (See column 3, lines 42-43, column 10, lines 29-31); the client data comprising a desired geographic region for locating at least one medical resource from the plurality of medical resources (See column 2, lines 24-28; lines 44-50; column 3, lines 30-39); geographically locating the at least one medical resource based on the desired geographic region (See column 2, lines 24-28; lines 44-50; column 3, lines 30-39); allowing the client to view the locator information via a resource location report viewable with the remote interface (See column 11, lines 66-67; column 12, lines 1-13; also see figure 6).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified Rondeau to include a locator system for geographically locating a healthcare facility, the system comprising: an address database of medical resources; a remote interface configured for exchanging information with the resource locator system via a network; the query form having a field for entering a desired geographic region for locating the desired medical resource.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Rondeau by the teachings of Naidoo, because finding information corresponding to a specific geographic area is often particularly difficult using typical methods and search engines(See Naidoo, column 1, lines 57-60).

6. Claims 1-4, 7, 9-15, 17-20, 23-28, 31-37 and 40-45 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rondeau (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,433) in view

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of Naidoo (U.S. Patent No. 6,629,136) as applied to claims 16, 29 and 38 above, and further in view of Stoodley (U.S. Patent No. 6,611,846).

As to claim 1, Rondeau teaches a method for locating a medical resource (See Abstract, where a medical resource is referred to as a “particular service and product”) , the method comprising:

electronically directing client data transmitted from a remote interface to a medical locator system via a network (See Abstract; column 2, lines 59-63) ,

searching a database for the desired medical resource (See column 2, lines 55-63, where a medical resource is referred to as a “particular service and product”);

electronically transmitting locator information to a client via the network, the locator information allowing the client to locate the desired medical resource (See column 2, lines 65-67, where a medical resource is referred to as a “particular service and product”).

Rondeau does not teach the client data comprising a desired geographic region for locating a desired medical resource for at least one of the multiple modalities;

locating at least one of the desired medical resources based on the desired geographic region.

Naidoo teaches a system and method for providing geographically-related content over a network, wherein the client data comprising a desired geographic region for locating a desired medical resource for at least one of the multiple modalities (See column 1, lines 9-12; column 2, lines 42-50); and

locating at least one of the desired medical resources based on the desired geographic region (See column 1, lines 9-12; column 2, lines 42-50).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified Rondeau to include the client data comprising a desired geographic region for locating a desired medical resource for at least one of the multiple modalities; locating at least one of the desired medical resources based on the desired geographic region.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Rondeau by the teachings of Naidoo, because finding information corresponding to a specific geographic area is often particularly difficult using typical methods and search engines(See Naidoo, column 1, lines 57-60).

Rondeau as modified, still does not teach wherein the medical locator system is configured for multiple modalities.

Stoodley teaches Method and system for medical patient data analysis (See Abstract), wherein the medical locator system is configured for multiple modalities (See column 3, lines 22-23; column 7, lines 11-20).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified Rondeau as modified, to include wherein the medical locator system is configured for multiple modalities.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Rondeau as modified, by the teachings of

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Stoodley, because a comprehensive selection of data is appropriate for quality assurance (See Stoodley, column 2, lines 4-5).

As to claims 2 and 17, Rondeau as modified, teaches wherein electronically directing via the network comprises electronically directing via the Internet (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 41-44); wherein the network comprises the Internet (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 41-44).

As to claims 3, 18 and 40, Rondeau as modified, teaches comprising providing the remote interface with a form for selecting the desired geographic region (See Rondeau, Abstract; column 2, lines 59-65; also see Naidoo, Abstract; column 2, lines 21-29); wherein the remote interface comprises a server to communicate between the remote interface and the resource locator system via the network (See Rondeau, Abstract; column 2, lines 59-65; also see Naidoo, Abstract; column 2, lines 21-29); wherein electronically directing comprises providing a server to procure network communication between the remote interface and the medical locator system (See Rondeau, Abstract; column 2, lines 59-65; also see Naidoo, Abstract; column 2, lines 21-29).

As to claims 4, 20, 23, 28 and 31, Rondeau as modified, teaches comprising receiving a selection of the desired medical resource from a plurality of medical resources (See Rondeau, column 2, lines 55-62; column 3, lines 39-45; also see

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Naidoo, Abstract; column 8, lines 64-67); wherein the form comprises a field for selecting the desired medical resource from a plurality of medical resources (See Rondeau, column 2, lines 55-62; column 3, lines 39-45; also see Naidoo, Abstract; column 8, lines 64-67); wherein the client data comprises multiple selections of desired medical resources from a plurality of medical resources (See Rondeau, column 2, lines 55-62; column 3, lines 39-45; also see Naidoo, Abstract; column 8, lines 64-67); wherein the resource locator system comprises a locator database having a plurality of addresses for the desired medical resource (See Rondeau, column 2, lines 55-62; column 3, lines 39-45; also see Naidoo, Abstract; column 8, lines 64-67); wherein the client data comprises multiple selections of desired medical resources from a plurality of medical resources (See Rondeau, column 2, lines 55-62; column 3, lines 39-45; also see Naidoo, Abstract; column 8, lines 64-67).

As to claim 7, Rondeau as modified, teaches wherein receiving the selection from multiple modalities comprise; receiving the selection from multiple modalities comprising computed tomography (See Stoodley, column 7, lines 11-20).

As to claim 9, 24, 32, and 41 Rondeau as modified, teaches comprising locating the desired medical resource via address data for the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, Abstract; column 2, lines 24-29); wherein the client data comprises address data for the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, Abstract; column 2, lines 24-29); wherein the client data comprises address data for the desired geographic region (See

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Naidoo, Abstract; column 2, lines 24-29); comprising geographically locating the at least one medical resource via address data for the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, Abstract; column 2, lines 24-29).

As to claims 10, 25, 33 and 42, Rondeau as modified, comprising locating the desired medical resource via a postal code for the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 7-10, lines 34-38); wherein the client data comprises a zip code for the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 7-10, lines 34-38); wherein the client data comprises a zip code for the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 7-10, lines 34-38); comprising geographically locating the at least one medical resource via a zip code for the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 7-10, lines 34-38).

As to claims 11 and 27, Rondeau as modified, comprising locating via the address data of the remote interface (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 44-48; column 3, lines 30-31); wherein the map system is remote from the resource locator system (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 44-48; column 3, lines 30-31).

As to claims 12, 34 and 35, Rondeau as modified, wherein locating comprises ranking in order of proximity to the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 56-59); wherein the location results page comprises a plurality of geographic locations for the desired medical resource ranked in order of proximity to the desired

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geographic region (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 56-59); wherein the location results page comprises a list of addresses for the desired medical resource in closest proximity to the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, column 2, lines 56-59).

As to claims 13, 19 and 43, Rondeau as modified, wherein electronically transmitting locator information comprises providing a list of addresses for the desired medical resources in closest proximity to the desired geographic region (See Rondeau, abstract; column 7, line 67; column 8, lines 1-2; also see Naidoo, column 3, lines 16-25); wherein the form comprises a field for selecting the desired geographic region (See Rondeau, abstract; column 7, line 67; column 8, lines 1-2; also see Naidoo, column 3, lines 16-25); wherein allowing the client to view the locator information via the resource location report comprises providing a list of addresses for the at least one medical resource in closest proximity to the desired geographic region (See Rondeau, abstract; column 7, line 67; column 8, lines 1-2; also see Naidoo, column 3, lines 16-25).

As to claims 14, 15, 26, 36, 37, 44 and 45 Rondeau as modified, wherein electronically transmitting locator information comprises providing a map illustrating a geographic location of the desired medical resource (See Naidoo, column 3, lines 6-15; column 6, lines 42-47; column 12, lines 34-36); comprising linking the medical locator system to a map system for mapping out a geographic location of the desired medical resource based on the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, column 3, lines 6-15; column 6, lines 42-47; column 12, lines 34-36); comprising a map system for mapping

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out a geographic location of the desired medical resource based on the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, column3, lines 6-15; column 6, lines 42-47; column 12, lines 34-36); wherein the location results page comprises a map illustrating a geographic location of the desired medical resource (See Naidoo, column3, lines 6-15; column 6, lines 42-47; column 12, lines 34-36); comprising a map system remote from the resource locator system for mapping out a geographic location of the desired medical resource based on the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, column3, lines 6-15; column 6, lines 42-47; column 12, lines 34-36); wherein allowing the client to view the locator information via the resource location report comprises providing a map illustrating a geographic location of the at least one medical resource (See Naidoo, column3, lines 6-15; column 6, lines 42-47; column 12, lines 34-36); comprising linking the medical locator system to a remote map system for mapping out a geographic location of the at least one medical resource based on the desired geographic region (See Naidoo, column3, lines 6-15; column 6, lines 42-47; column 12, lines 34-36).

7. Claims 5, 6, 8, 21, 22, 30 and 39, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rondeau as modified as applied to claims 1-4, 7, 9-15, 17-20, 23, 28, 32-37 and 40-45 above, and further in view of Killcommons et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,424,996)

As to claims 5, 6, 8, 21, 22, 30 and 39, Rondeau as modified still does not teach wherein receiving the selection from the plurality of medical resources comprises

receiving the selection from multiple modalities; wherein receiving the selection from the plurality of medical resources comprises receiving the selection from a plurality of medical imaging systems; wherein receiving the selection from multiple modalities comprises receiving the selection from multiple modalities comprising magnetic resonance imaging; wherein the client data comprises a selection of the desired medical resource: from a plurality of modalities; wherein the client data comprises a selection of the desired medical resource: from a plurality of medical imaging systems; wherein the query form comprises a field for selecting the desired medical resource from a plurality of medical resources comprising multiple modalities; wherein electronically directing client data comprises electronically directing client data comprising a selection from a plurality of medical resources comprising multiple modalities.

Killcommons et al. teaches wherein receiving the selection from the plurality of medical resources comprises receiving the selection from multiple modalities (See Abstract; column 1, lines 49-60; column 7, lines 23-29); wherein receiving the selection from the plurality of medical resources comprises receiving the selection from a plurality of medical imaging systems (See Abstract; column 1, lines 49-60; column 7, lines 23-29); wherein receiving the selection from multiple modalities comprises receiving the selection from multiple modalities comprising magnetic resonance imaging (See Abstract; column 1, lines 49-60; column 7, lines 23-29); wherein the client data comprises a selection of the desired medical resource: from a plurality of modalities (See Abstract; column 1, lines 49-60; column 7, lines 23-29); wherein the client data comprises a selection of the desired medical resource: from a plurality of medical

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imaging systems (See Abstract; column 1, lines 49-60; column 7, lines 23-29); wherein the query form comprises a field for selecting the desired medical resource from a plurality of medical resources comprising multiple modalities (See Abstract; column 1, lines 49-60; column 7, lines 23-29); wherein electronically directing client data comprises electronically directing client data comprising a selection from a plurality of medical resources comprising multiple modalities (See Abstract; column 1, lines 49-60; column 7, lines 23-29).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified Rondeau as modified, to include wherein receiving the selection from the plurality of medical resources comprises receiving the selection from multiple modalities; wherein receiving the selection from the plurality of medical resources comprises receiving the selection from a plurality of medical imaging systems; wherein receiving the selection from multiple modalities comprises receiving the selection from multiple modalities comprising magnetic resonance imaging; wherein the client data comprises a selection of the desired medical resource: from a plurality of modalities; wherein the client data comprises a selection of the desired medical resource: from a plurality of medical imaging systems; wherein the query form comprises a field for selecting the desired medical resource from a plurality of medical resources comprising multiple modalities; wherein electronically directing client data comprises electronically directing client data comprising a selection from a plurality of medical resources comprising multiple modalities.

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It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Rondeau as modified, by the teachings of Killcommons et al., wherein receiving the selection from the plurality of medical resources comprises receiving the selection from multiple modalities; wherein receiving the selection from the plurality of medical resources comprises receiving the selection from a plurality of medical imaging systems; wherein receiving the selection from multiple modalities comprises receiving the selection from multiple modalities comprising magnetic resonance imaging; wherein the client data comprises a selection of the desired medical resource: from a plurality of modalities; wherein the client data comprises a selection of the desired medical resource: from a plurality of medical imaging systems; wherein the query form comprises a field for selecting the desired medical resource from a plurality of medical resources comprising multiple modalities; wherein electronically directing client data comprises electronically directing client data comprising a selection from a plurality of medical resources comprising multiple modalities; because a plurality of medical resources that is derived from a list of medical modalities makes a users search quicker and more efficient.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mellissa M. Chojnacki whose telephone number is 730-305-8769. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici can be reached on 703-305-3830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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